

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

In an Examiner's Notice of Allowability mailed March 11, 2004, Examiner Ewoldt indicated that the French Patent documents 2733151, 2754715, 2729307, 2754182 and 2649012 were not considered because they are in French. On April 11, 2005, Applicants' representative held a telephonic interview with Examiner Ewoldt. During the interview, Examiner Ewoldt agreed to consider any English language equivalents of the French Patent documents. In response, Applicants are filing an amended Form PTO/SB/08A listing the English language equivalents as follows:

| <u>French Patent</u> | <u>English Language Equivalent</u> |
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| FR 2729307 | U.S. Patent No. 6,103,770 |
| FR 2733151 | U.S. Patent No. 6,274,149 |
| FR 2649012 | U.S. Patent No. 5,424,067 |

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the April 11, 2005 interview. The substitute Form PTO/SB/08A submitted herewith is identical to the Form PTO/SB/08A filed in the Information Disclosure Statement of February 15, 2005, except for, as indicated above, the addition of U.S. Patent No. 6,103,770, U.S. Patent No. 6,274,149 and U.S. Patent No. 5,424,067.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the above English language equivalents of the French Patent documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a copy of the corrected Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column per M.P.E.P. § 609.

In view of the above remarks, early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0206.

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